COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Entertains Winners Announced!

4-H Entertains was held at the Tartan Hall on Monday, May 7 at 6:30 PM. Jacquelyn Bruun was the MC for the evening. Judges included Michael Tyson, Music teacher at South Macon Elementary and Iota Elementary; Buddy Huckabee, Band Instructor at Franklin High school and Jennifer Huckabee, Music teacher at Cartoogechaye Elementary and East Franklin Elementary. Congratulations to: Chandon Ivey, County Champion, for his Piano Solo, "Military" Polonaise in A Major, Op 40 No. 1 by Frederic Chopin; Katie Bowman received Reserve Champion honors for her Piano Solo, “Rhapsody in G Minor” by Johannes Brahms; and Cammeron Combs was named Alternate for his Guitar Solo, “Black Dog” by Led Zeppelin.

Our other very talented participants included: Gabrianne Ivey & Isabel Farnum, Dance “You Are My All In All”; Micah Borger, Piano Solo “Fur Elise” by Ludwig Van Beethoven; Gabrianne Ivey, Violin Concerto No. 5, 3rd
Movement by F. Seitz; and Jakin Ivey, Piano Solo Revolutionary Etude, Op. 10, No. 12 by Frederic Chopin.

Project Record Book Winners

Macon County 4-H received the 2011 Project Record Books that had been submitted to the State 4-H office. Congratulations to the following 4-H’ers who submitted books that went beyond the county level for additional judging: Gabrianne Ivey, West District (WD) Gold Medal 9-10 year category in Consumer & Family Science; Caleb Partidge, WD Gold Medal 11-12 year category in Healthy Lifestyles; David Cabe, WD Silver Medal 9-10 year category in Animal Science; Daniel Pickens, Participant Ribbon for 9-10 year category in Animal Science; and Trevor Rogers, Participant Ribbon for 11-12 year category in Animal Science.

Congratulations…4-H Scholarship Winner

Congratulations Jakin Ivey on winning the “Dr. Marshall K. Hill 4-H Scholarship.” Macon County 4-H is so proud of you. You have worked hard in Macon County to help make the best better. Good luck at NC State and we will miss you!

Cherokee Preservation Foundation Youth Council Meeting

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation Youth Council will be meeting Monday, June 18 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at the Agricultural Services Center. We will be passing and signing the By-Laws, discussing our Community Services Projects and guidelines. This will not be a dinner meeting.

4-H Market Lamb Program

If you are 5-18 with interests in raising a lamb, please contact the 4-H office to get to attend the Lamb Orientation meeting and learn about the 4-H Market Lamb Program.

4-H Summer Relief Classes

Please sign up for available 4-H Summer Relief Classes. Stop by the 4-H office and get registered. We still have limited space in the following classes:
Cupcake Wars Tuesday, June 5 Ages: 10-18
Tea Party Fun Wednesday, June 6 & Thursday, June 7 Ages: 5-10
Bugology Monday, June 11-Friday, June 15 Ages: 5-10
Mountain Hike Monday, June 11 Ages: 10-18
Deep Creek Eco-Wonders Wednesday, June 20 Ages: 5-12
National Park Tuesday, June 26 Ages: 9-18
Summer Archery Fun Tuesday, June 28 & 29 Ages: 9-18
Birdology Monday, July 9-Friday, July 13 Ages: 5-10
Lunch and a Movie Monday, July 23 Ages: 12-18
Get to Know Your Community Wednesday, July 25 Ages: 8-12
Gem Mining Thursday, July 26 Ages: 5-18
Back to School 4-H Swim Night Friday, July 27 Ages: 5-18
Asheville Tourist Game Monday, July 30 Ages: All Ages
4-H Fun Day at Fontana Thursday, August 2 Ages: 9-18
Visiting North East Georgia Monday, August 6 Ages: 8-18
Scott Hogsed Memorial Day Saturday, August 25 Ages: 6-18

4-H CLUB CORNER

Cool Crafty Kids

If you are ages 5-8 and interested in hands-on crafts you will want to attend the Cool Crafty Kids meeting on Monday, June 18, 3:30 at the Agricultural Services Center. We will make a couple of special surprises for Dad, make an acrylic picture, and plant a flower.


Macon Hoofprints

The Macon Hoofprints will be having our monthly meeting on Saturday, June 2 at the Macon Country Fairgrounds from 2-4 PM. In addition they will be selling BBQ (boston butts) for $30 a piece to help raise money for those going to the 3 day clinic. Please contact Becky Jenkins at 828-371-7612 to place your order prior to June 2nd. Youth with horses are invited to bring theirs to practice for the MCHA Open Horse Show on June 3rd, also at the Macon County Fairgrounds beginning at 12 PM. Youth without horses are still invited to come and learn about the different styles of riding and breeds of horses that will be there.

I would also like to congratulate our club members who recently participated in the West District 4H Horse Show on May 6th (picture
attached). From left to right are Nathan Jenkins, Arissa Bowers, Autumn Lance and Natalie Owens. Nathan competed in the gaited/non-trotting division while the other three competed in the western little britches division. Autumn won Grand Champion and Arissa won Reserve Champion in their divisions.

Youth ages 5-18 with interests in horses are encouraged to attend the 4-h horse club’s meetings. The Hoofprints' website is: maconhoofprints.webs.com

~Contact: Kara Setser at 342-3967 or Glo Sutton at 369-8258 for additional information.

The Needlers’ 4-H Club

The Needler’s Needlecrafts Club will meet on **Tuesday, June 12 at the Ag Center 3:30 to 5pm**. Sarah Bowman, our Teen Leader, will be in charge of the meeting. Anyone interested in crocheting, knitting, cross stitch, or embroidery is invited to attend. Also congratulations to our high school graduate, Katie Bowman, and best wishes with your summer job in Florida.

~Contact: Ann Hall at 586-4862

Chefs “R” Us

The next Chefs’ meeting is scheduled for **3:30 PM, Wednesday, June 20, at the Agricultural Services Center Kitchen.** We will be making zucchini pancakes and chocolate zucchini brownies. If your garden is abundant in the summer with zucchini these are some yummy recipes you will want to try.

They enjoyed making chocolate meringue pies! ~Reported by Isaac Stiles, Secretary

The Chefs will be taking July and August off, due to Summer programming. If you would like to join this club (for ages 9-18), please contact Cooperative Extension - 4-H and get your name on the waiting list. ~Call 4-H at 349-2046. Thank you, Pat Cable for leading this club.

Macon 4-H Sharp Shooters

If you are 9-18 and interested in learning about gun safety and target sports, we encourage you to attend the next Sharp Shooters meeting... **7:00**
PM, Tuesday, June 26, at the Community Facilities Building. ~If you have any questions concerning Target Sports, please contact Dana George at 524-4426, Cliff & Noreen Cyphers at 369-8060, or the 4-H Office at 349-2046.

Chess Club

The Chess Club meeting will be Friday, June 8, 3:30-5:00 at the Agricultural Services Center. This club is for youth ages 12-18. It is now led by Isaac Stiles, 4-H Teen Volunteer and Alex Stiles, 4-H Alumni. ~For more information, contact Isaac Stiles at 349-0792.

HGB Gardening Club

HGB Gardening Club has been meeting at Macon Early College every Wednesday during lunch to do gardening out by the Greenhouse. The 4-H drum composter is in full swing and making some good soil. We have been enjoying some greens, herbs and flowers from the garden.

We potted Mother's Day flowers to sell at the MEC Spring concert as a school Fundraiser. In May we planted a Pumpkin Patch. ~For more information, please call Claire Suminski at 369-5417.

Attention Stick Throwers aka…Archery club

We will be meeting on the following days: Thursday, June 7 and Monday, June 18, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon at the 4-H Archery Range. We are trying two days this month, so you have double the opportunity to get to a practice. If it is hot and sunny, you will want to: Wear a hat and sunscreen; bring cold water; and something to entertain yourself when you are not shooting.

Please know that we need at least one parent to assist with each group to help keep an eye on the youth not shooting. We cannot have practice without these important volunteers. All other parents with younger siblings are no longer required to stay if they do not want to. For safety reasons we would prefer younger siblings not be at practice. *Just a reminder there will not be any horsing around, yelling or running around while others are shooting. We trust that all will
understand...we are trying to take a proactive approach for the safety of EVERYONE. This club is for all youth ages 9-18. Please contact Carol Pitts if you have any archery related questions at (828) 349-2046 or cmpitts@ncsu.edu

DISTRICT, STATE, and NATIONAL NEWS

West District Activity Day

All 4-H members have the opportunity to enter the West District 4-H Presentations. Contact the 4-H office (349-2046) to pre-register BEFORE 5:00 PM, Friday, June 8. Two individuals per age division per category (any of the 36 subject areas ranging from outdoor cookery and floral arranging to electric and open class) are eligible to participate in District Activity Day (DAD), scheduled for Tuesday, June 19 at Cullowhee Valley School. Everyone is invited to attend this event, even if you are not participating, just to observe and take in all the educational presentations and 4-H Entertains. Go to the NC4H Website to check out the possibilities: http://www.nc4h.org/publications/presentations/index.html. Ages 9-18 can compete at West District and State 4-H Presentations. Members, ages 13-18, who participate in 4-H Presentations will be eligible to spend the week at NC State 4-H Congress at NCSU, July 16-20.

Annual 3-Day Horse Clinic

The best deal for horse lovers is just around the corner! The West District 4-H Horsemanship Clinic will be held at the WNC Ag Center in Fletcher, NC on Monday-Wednesday, June 11-13, 2012. Imagine! Professional instructors, running games, team penning, a picnic, social time, recreation- all for just $70.00. Now that's a deal! The best news is that the clinic is open to all youth- not just 4-H boys and girls. So, even if you have never been involved in 4-H, feel free to register for the clinic. A maximum of 80 youth can enroll. Youth 4H participants from the counties in the West Extension District will have priority for spaces until June 1. After that date, any remaining spaces may be filled by applicants from outside of the district on a first come-first served basis.

The horse clinic is designed for youth to increase their horsemanship knowledge and riding skills. Each child brings his/her horse and, throughout the three days, participates in riding classes in selected disciplines. Whether
you are a beginner, intermediate, or advanced rider, the clinic offers something for you!

To attend, youth must be 9-18* years old (as of January 1, 2012). Each participant must have an accompanying parent or adult volunteer, (age 25 or older), with them throughout the entire clinic. Adults may chaperone more than one youth (if the child is 9 or older), but must be available throughout the entire experience. Participants may register for only one riding discipline. Lodging will be on your own. Trailer/camper hookups are available for $20/day. There are numerous hotels located in the area.

Check-in time will be either Sunday, June 10, 2012, between 4:00PM-8:00PM, or Monday, June 11, 2012 beginning at 7:00AM at the main McGough Arena. Please enter the Ag Center at GATE 1. Remember to stop for a Coggins check. There will be a MANDATORY safety meeting at 8:00AM on each morning and class will begin at 9:00AM. There will be riding classes in the morning and the afternoon.

4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus: A Capital Experience

Jacquelyn Bruun and Kacie England will be representing Macon County 4-H at a conference in Raleigh, June 10-13. This will be a dynamic learning experience focused on civic engagement and a greater understanding of our government. Jacquelyn and Kacie will be participating in hands-on workshops and listening to panel discussions, distinguished speakers, and open discussion, which will help youth discover how government impacts our everyday lives, and how youth can impact government in return. They will learn about state government, working with public officials, hear from prominent North Carolina officials, and visit legislators. Best wishes, Jacquelyn and Kacie! We look forward to your sharing the experience with County 4-H Council and the Cherokee Preservation Foundation (CPF) Youth Council.

NC 4-H CONGRESS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ENTRY RULES

All entries must be submitted digitally or postmarked NO LATER THAN June 8, 2012. NEW THIS YEAR: In an effort to reduce costs to photo contest participants, we are eliminating the requirement that entries be submitted in print format. Instead, we encourage all participants to submit digital entries. This exhibit is open to (and only to) all North Carolina
4-H members ages 9-19. Go to the following website for more details: <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/4-HPhoto/contest-rules.html>

We will continue to accept entries submitted as prints, so long as they are postmarked by **June 8, 2012** and include an Entry Form and original media. Please contact rebecca_kirkland@ncsu.edu with any questions or concerns.

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**Fall West District Volunteer Leaders’ Fun Day - Camp Swannanoa**

I need a volunteer leader (or two) to help me coordinate a Science Activity for Family Fun Day, October 13 at Camp Swannanoa. Anyone interested please contact me at 828-332-1519. Leaders, please take advantage of Family Fun Day at Camp Swannanoa. This will be a fun day for all ages. ~Merrilee Bordeaux, President 4-H WDVLA, MCVL President, 332-1519.

![4-H Pledge]

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